# Upcycled Magazine Beads

**Kit contains:**

- Old magazine pages
- Stretchy string
- 1 Wooden skewer

**You will need:** scissors, glue, and scratch paper.

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# INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1: Prep.** Cut your magazine pages into long skinny triangles. Aim for **isosceles** triangles, but they don't have to be perfect. The short **base** will be the length of your bead. Because the two long **legs** taper at the same angle, you'll see all the cool layers and colors when you roll them up.

**Step 2: Glue.** Place a triangle on your scratch paper, boring side up. Starting about an inch above the base, lightly coat the rest of your triangle in glue.

**Step 3: Roll.** Wrap the glue-free base of your triangle around the wooden skewer. Roll, roll, roll until you have a bead on a stick. Slide your bead off the stick.

**Step 4.** Repeat until you have a whole bunch of beads.

**Step 5.** Thread your beads onto the stretchy string to make cool stuff: bracelets, necklaces, keychains, funky beaded curtains from the ‘60s —whatever brings you joy. Be sure to use lots of good knots to secure your string.

If you run out of beads but have extra ideas, cut up other old magazines and make more.

# WHAT IS UPCYCLING?

We all take steps to protect our planet! One method is recycling, which you probably do every day. **Recycling** is the collection, processing, and remanufacturing of materials into new items to stop them ending up in landfills.

**Upcycling** is another method of reusing old items instead of throwing them away. We take the old item and **repurpose** it into something different and functional. This prevents waste and reduces the environmental impact of creating new products from scratch.

Examples of upcycling:

- Turning magazines into beads
- Sewing old jeans into bags
- Making tires into planters

And that's just the start!